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TIME-TABLE.

WEEK DAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	5.30	7.10
Yamati...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	5.39	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	5.51	7.31
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	6.04	7.44
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.21	9.55	11.10	12.38	1.53	6.08	7.48
Fanning...Dep.	7.32	10.06	11.21	12.48	2.03	6.19	7.59
Shungshui...Dep.	7.38	10.12	11.27	12.54	2.07	6.25	8.05
Shumchun...Arr.	7.42	10.16	11.31	12.58	2.11	6.29	8.09

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun...Dep.	7.21	9.55	11.10	12.38	1.53	6.08	7.48
Shungshui...Dep.	7.28	10.02	11.17	12.45	2.00	6.15	7.55
Fanning...Dep.	7.32	10.06	11.21	12.48	2.03	6.19	7.59
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.42	10.16	11.31	12.58	2.11	6.29	8.09
Taipei...Dep.	7.46	10.20	11.35	13.02	2.15	6.33	8.13
Shatin...Dep.	7.59	10.33	11.48	13.15	2.28	6.46	8.26
Yamati...Dep.	8.12	10.46	12.01	13.28	2.41	6.59	8.39
Kowloon...Arr.	8.20	10.54	12.09	13.36	2.49	7.07	

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	5.30	7.10
Yamati...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	5.39	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	5.51	7.31
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	6.04	7.44
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.21	9.55	11.10	12.38	1.53	6.08	7.48
Fanning...Dep.	7.32	10.06	11.21	12.48	2.03	6.19	7.59
Shungshui...Dep.	7.38	10.12	11.27	12.54	2.07	6.25	8.05
Shumchun...Arr.	7.42	10.16	11.31	12.58	2.11	6.29	8.09

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Shumchun...Dep.	8.12	10.46	12.01	13.28	2.41	6.59	8.39
Shungshui...Dep.	8.19	10.53	12.08	13.35	2.48	7.06	8.46
Fanning...Dep.	8.23	10.57	12.12	13.39	2.52	7.10	8.50
Taipei Market...Dep.	8.33	11.07	12.22	13.49	3.02	7.20	9.00
Taipei...Dep.	8.37	11.11	12.26	13.53	3.06	7.24	9.04
Shatin...Dep.	8.51	11.25	12.40	14.07	3.20	7.38	9.18
Yamati...Dep.	9.03	11.37	12.52	14.19	3.32	7.50	9.30
Kowloon...Arr.	9.11	11.45	13.00	14.27	3.40	7.58	

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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
STATIONS...Dep.	7.45	11.30	12.30	6.30	10.15	1.05	5.00
Shataukok...Arr.	8.40	12.25	1.25	7.25	11.10	2.00	5.55

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
STATIONS...Dep.	7.45	11.30	12.30	6.30	10.15	1.05	5.15
Shataukok...Arr.	8.40	12.25	1.25	7.25	11.10	2.00	5.10

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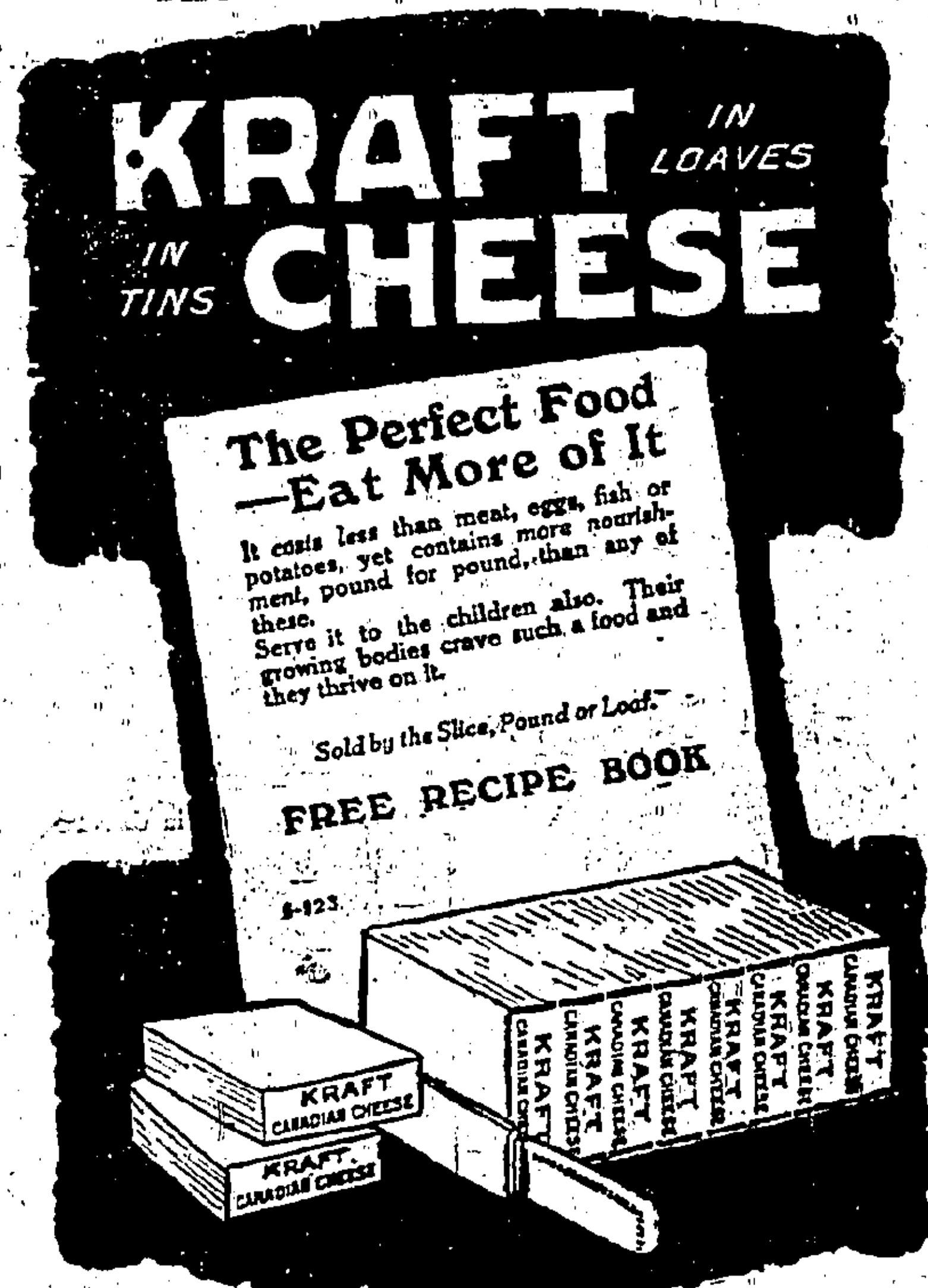
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The St. Andrew's Festival of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will have a particular interest this year for Scottish Freemasons throughout the world, as it will be honoured by the presence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The present Grand Master Mason, the Earl of Elgin and Kinnaird, has during his term of office specially desired a visit from His Royal Highness to the Grand Lodge, and when it was learned early in the present year that the Prince was likely to visit Edinburgh steps were taken to ascertain whether a Grand Lodge function could be included in his engagements. To the gratification of all engaged, the answer was in the affirmative. The principal business before Grand Lodge will, of course, be the conferring of honorary membership upon H.R.H. the Earl of Elgin, and upon H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, is appointed for life, as are the Provincial Grand Masters also under the English Constitution. In our more democratic organisation the Grand Master Mason is elected by Grand Lodge each year. In some cases a second, and in special cases even a third, term has been given the present occupant of the throne having completed his third term. Only on very rare occasions has this period of three years been exceeded. The honour falls to the Right Hon. the Earl of Stair, D.S.O., the present Grand Master Depute. It is expected that according to established custom the Right Hon. Lord Blythwood, the present Substituted Grand Master, will be promoted to the Deputy's chair, an appointment which would be popular with craftsmen throughout the West of Scotland. Lord Blythwood is at present Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Master Depute and Substituted Grand Master are not elected by Grand Lodge, the appointment being in the hands of the Grand Master Mason on his election each year.

HOMES TO THE PRINCE.

The Countess of Minto will not lack subjects of common interest to both when she is hostess to the Prince of Wales during his visit to the Borders. She was brought up in the Canada to which the heir to the Throne has given so gratifyingly large a share of his affections, and the ranch acquired by Lord Minto in Alberta some years ago is only a few miles south of that owned by the Prince. Even without so fruitful a subject of conversation, Lady Minto would not lack topics, since she is naturally a good and vivacious talker and unusually well informed. The party at Minto House to meet the Prince will consist largely of young people, including the Earl and Countess of Haddington, the latter of whom is Lady Minto's sister. Lord Minto was best man at his wedding in Montreal a year ago. Minto House, near Hawick, makes no claim to be among the finest and largest of the "statelike homes" of Scotland, but it is one of the most pleasant and homelike among them.

FREEMASONRY IN GLASGOW.

An event of more than ordinary interest to Freemasons in the West Country took place in Glasgow, Trades House, Glasgow, when the Earl of Elgin, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, installed Brother M. W. Montgomery, Lord Provost of Glasgow, as Master for the ensuing year of the Trades House of Glasgow Lodge. The occasion was unique in respect that Brother Montgomery holds the offices of Lord Provost of the city, Deacon of one of its Incorporated Lodges, and Master of one of its Masonic Lodges at the same time. A such triple honour has hitherto been known in the city's history. The lodge is composed of brethren whose first qualification is being a member of one of the 14th incorporated bodies of the Trades House, and is therefore distinctly a class lodge.

THE POLITICS OF BURNS.

From the way in which Burns is quoted on political platforms and by the huge army of open-air preachers, a social reformer, one can only conclude that the intention of the orator is to represent Burns as the outstanding Extremist of his generation. In some of his earlier poems, as, for instance, his "Epistle to Davie," the case for Labour is put in the strongest of lights, and enforced with much the same arguments as the Socialist of to-day has rendered us so familiar with; but the whole volume of his poetry and prose will be searched in vain for a single line that expresses the slightest sympathy with the doctrines of the Bolshevism, Communism, and Socialism which are now so loudly proclaimed from the house-tops. Burns's philosophy was on a higher plane; his opinions were founded on the axioms of political ethics which apply to all parties alike, and which have been subscribed to by all sensible men who have thought seriously on the subject. A short compendium of his political creed, written the year before his death, will be found in "Does Haughly Gaul," a composition which effectually disposes of the mythical tradition that he was a disloyal subject and a Revolutionist. The three parties referred to were not in existence, at least in this country, in Burns's day, and we have set them down separately, for the reason that distinction has not yet gone far enough for an observer to decide whether the rival tenets are to remain distinct, or be incorporated in a single comprehensive creed. Whatever

may be the ultimate outcome, the recent appeal to the electorates has proved that, when put to the test, similar proposals will again arouse the settled convictions of the British people, which are as overwhelmingly hostile to "interference in British affairs by any foreign tinkler" as Burns declared himself to be in the era of the French Revolution. To Burns, party shibboleths had no meaning; party warfare was merely a source of amusement, and he invariably treated it with derision. When the Dumfries Burghs election was in full swing in 1793, he wrote to Provost Maxwell that he would like to be present on a "field day" when Dukes, Earls, and Knights paid their court to wens, tailors, and cobblers, "not that he cared" three ships of blars," but because "three ships of blars" is a kind of politics, "but because a ship dog for witness for himself such an exhibition of human nature. When called upon to act, he gave his support to men whom he knew to be men of 'sense and worth,' no matter what might be their party credentials and colours.

THE HAGGIES.

Deceived by the honours paid to the Great Chieftain of the Puddin'-race, the late Mr. Crossland spoke of the Scots as a people who fed on "effa." Apparently this kind of criticism has worried London Scots. An official of the St. Andrew's Day Association in London refers to the haggies, one knows not why, as "the world's unluckiest dish." At the dinner of the Association at the Savoy on St. Andrew's Day the haggies is to be offered to English guests as a free extra and is to be trumpeted out of the dining-hall by English trumpeters. This will signify the passing of the haggies into English hands. The shepherd of the Hebridean Isles, placed far amid the melancholy mists, which is to be held on a Sunday, signifies the abandonment of a Scottish institution even more important than the haggies.

PERSONALIA.

Posts are apparently not without honour in their own country, although prophecies may sometimes be frowned upon. I hear, for instance, that Charles Murray, of "Hamewith" fame, who has just returned from South Africa to his native Donside, is to receive a well-merited tribute from his friends in Aberdeenshire.

Mr. R. A. L. Balfour, who is engaged to be married to Miss Jean Cooke, daughter of Canon and Mrs. Cooke, of Guildford, evidently intends, after his marriage, to spend a good deal of his time at Whittinghame, the family place in East Lothian. It can only be with this view that he has accepted membership of the Whittinghame Parish Council. Mr. R. A. L. Balfour is, after his father, Mr. Gerald Balfour, heir to the Whittinghame estate and to the title of Earl of Balfour.

THE ALL-BLACKS AND SCOTLAND.

The unbroken succession of victories gained by the New Zealanders in England has deepened the sense of regret that the Scottish Rugby public is to have no opportunity of seeing this brilliant combination take the field. The trouble is a most unfortunate one. It has been said on behalf of the Scottish Rugby Union that the reason why it would not arrange matches with the All-Blacks was that the English Union had invited that such invitations should be extended by the International Board of Rugby only. Our Union is an autocratic, even a tyrannical body, and of file of Scottish Rugbymen. There is no hope of their feelings of the New Zealand Rugby football team have been so worked up that they are represented as perfectly disgusted with Scotland. They will not have a Scot to referee one of their matches, and they are said to "have done" with Scotland for ever. This is very awkward, because when these gentlemen go home they will give us a bad name with their fellow countrymen, hundreds of thousands of whom are of Scottish descent. We admit that this is probably making the worst of an episode which has so far attracted the attention only of those interested in sport. Still it is disagreeable to find that a party of New Zealanders visiting the Mother Country for sport should feel that they have been outrageously treated by Scotsmen, while English, Welsh, and Irish are delighted to meet them, and play the game with them. There is talk in the South of the London Scots putting a team in the field but the All-Blacks are so incensed at the Scottish boycott that they are not likely to entertain the suggestion for a moment.

FAMOUS ATHLETES.

Although various rumours have been going round to the contrary it is now definitely settled that both H. M. Abrahams and Eric Liddell, the respective winners of the 100 and 400 metres at the Olympic Games, last July, have now finally retired from the track. Abrahams' work at the bar will no longer give him the leisure necessary for sprint work, although he intends to go in for the long jump and hop, step, and jump when the athletic season starts again. Liddell, as I have already written you, has decided to go out to China to teach in a missionary school there early in the spring. Efforts were recently made to get Liddell, Abrahams, and Lowe to go to Japan for the purpose of taking part in athletic contests and lecturing in schools and Universities. Abrahams and Liddell, however, had to decline owing to the calls of their professions, and Lowe is likely to accept, and will probably go on to Japan after he has run in America with the combined Oxford and Cambridge team in the summer.

The Indian Government proposes to give protection to the iron and steel industry by means of bounties instead of increased tariffs as recommended by the Tariff Board.

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by our long-tried fundamental prin-
ciples.

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trade and particularly in our basic com-
modities. We may confidently expect
increasing volume in all these lines and
a year of unquestioned prosperity in 1925.

Maintenance of large distribution of
merchandise into consumption may be
expected. The readjustments in prices
among different classes of commodities
that has resulted from earlier events in
1924 are having their effect. The index
number of all wholesale prices has
changed but little during the year, but
prices for many commodities that have
been depressed have moved upward and
prices of some other groups that were
well above the general level have shown
appreciable declines.

The result is stimulating to general
consumption, and the stimulus to
consumption is working back to pro-
ducers.

In so large a country with such a
diversity of businesses as the United
States conditions are never quite uni-
form throughout. There will always
be dark spots with pressing problems.

When improvement is widely recorded
however, and the fundamentals underly-
ing the business structure, the finance
and transportation services are sound
and in a condition to lend ready sup-
port, we can look for business develop-
ments of a satisfactory sort.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 5TH, 1925	
Hongkong and Shanghai	
Banks	\$1,120 b.
Canal Insurance	\$755 b.
Union Insurance	\$750 b.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$710 b.
Deutsche Steamship	\$125 nom.
H.K. C. & M. Steamboats	\$334 nom.
"Star" Ferries	\$138 b.
China Sugars	\$283 s.
Langkai (combined)	Tls. 23 b.
Kowloon Wharves	\$213 s.
Whampoa Docks	\$150 b. \$151 sa.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 100 b.
Hongkong Wharves	Tls. 210 b.
New Engineering	Tls. 7.40 nom.
Hongkong Lands	\$104 b.
Hongkong Hotels	(old) \$152 b. \$19 sa. (new) \$184 sa.
Humphreys Estate	\$212 b.
Ewo Cotton Mills	Tls. 12.40, Tls. 12.12 sa.
Shanghai Cottons	(old) Tls. 50 (new) Tls. 53 nom.
Oriental	Tls. 3.90 b.
Cements	\$33 b.
Hongkong Ropes (combined)	\$58 nom.
China Provident (combined)	\$34 b.
Dairy Farms	\$25 b.
Waterboats	\$18 b.
Waterworks	(old) \$24 (new) \$12 b.
Hongkong Electric	\$43 b. \$46 sa.
China Lights	\$25 s. & sa.
Hongkong Tram	\$54 sa.
Peak Tramways (old)	\$28 s. (new) \$11 s. nom.
"Shell" Transports	\$90 b.
b—buyers; s—sellers; sa—sales.	

EXCHANGE.

Messrs. Roza Bros., of Hongkong, add
to their "Hongkong Exchange Quota-
tions during the month of December,
1924," the following summaries:—

	Silver	Gold	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
	(steady)	7/1	7/1	7/1	7/1	7/1
Average Rate Dec.						
(1924) (Approx.)	2/4 1/2	143 1/2	55 1/2	10.20		
Highest Rate Dec.						
(1924) (Approx.)	33 1/2	2/4 1/2	144 1/2	55 1/2	10.40	
Lowest Rate Dec.						
(1924) (Approx.)	31 1/2	2/3 1/2	141 1/2	54 1/2	10.00	
Average Rate to date						
(1924) (Approx.)	2/4 1/2	120 1/2	55 1/2	10.10		
Highest Rate to date						
(1924) (Approx.)	2/5 1/2	144 1/2	55 1/2	14.00		
Lowest Rate to date						
(1924) (Approx.)	2/3 1/2	107 1/2	49 1/2	7.80		

YEARLY AVERAGES.

	Gold	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen
	7/1	7/1	7/1	7/1	7/1
Average 1919	2/9 1/2	164 1/2	63 1/2	8.09	
" 1920	4/3 1/2	158 1/2	70 1/2	11.28	
" 1921	2/7 1/2	101 1/2	50 1/2	6.81	
" 1922	2/8 1/2	115 1/2	55 1/2	6.84	
" 1923	2/3 1/2	107 1/2	52 1/2	6.00	

MR. J. D. ROCKEFELLER'S FORTUNE.

One result of the cyclonic market in
New York has been an increase in J. D.
Rockefeller's fortune of 111,000,000 dol-
lars (\$22,500,000). His holdings in nine
Standard Oil units have increased by
over 98,000,000 dollars (about \$19,600,000).
In market value, while the dividends from
them will be a minimum of 13,000,000
dollars (about \$2,600,000). Trading con-
tinued at high pressure rails leading the
renewed advance. Three new records
were made on November 19th. The sales
exceeded anything in the history of the
exchange, the number of issues traded in
was the greatest, and the average for
representative industrial and railroad
stocks, was the highest. It is now frank-
ly admitted that many values are above
those warranted by the earnings. The
public is rushing into the market, which
is highly speculative, but there is no sign
yet of the inevitable reaction.

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Lancashire are to extend working hours
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HONGKONG HARBOUR
DEVELOPMENT.POLICY, CONTROL, MANAGEMENT
AND ADMINISTRATION.Mr. John Duncan, Port Engineer of
Hongkong, concludes his long Report on
Harbour Development with the following
observations:In my opinion a properly constituted
Advisory Port Authority, Board, or Im-
partial Tribunal is the first need. It will
be observed in Section 1 of this report
that the Economic Resources Committee
in 1920 also advised the constitution of
Port Authorities.To enable the Government to appraise
intelligently the needs of the Port, the
Board should study and observe traffic
and port conditions and advise and make
recommendations as to whether the re-
sults of these studies indicate the desir-
ability of greater channel accommoda-
tion by deepening the fairways; the pro-
vision of berthage, increased storage
space, road and railway transport facil-
ities, bunkering, ship-repair and dry-
docking facilities, cheap handling facil-
ities; change in the disposition of buoys,
lights, etc.; modification of the tariffs or
advice in any matters which concern the
efficient working of the Port.Whilst I have obtained much informa-
tion to enable me to prepare this report,
the various Schemes of Development are
hampered with some reserve as the in-
formation available is insufficient from
which to deduce with any degree of ac-
curacy the nature and extent of actual
requirements. In the light of further
information the various schemes may re-
quire to be modified in detail.So far the development of the Port has
been left to private enterprise and ade-
quate accommodation has not been made
for shipping. Without the provision of
the most economic handling and storage
facilities possible, the present develop-
ments together with the advantages of
the security pertaining to British Ad-
ministration, the Colony's harbour are unlikely
to be sufficient inducement for the pro-
ducer to send forward his traffic so that
Hongkong may deal with the trade in its
strategic position should secure.Private companies, however, can not be
expected to meet the cost of development
works which are necessary to secure true
efficiency and economy in the handling
of cargoes as the return on the capital
cost is subject to trade being handled
over the works constructed. In this re-
spect it may be mentioned that the Port
derives little benefit from the large trans-
shipment business at Hongkong on
through Bills of Lading. Nevertheless
private enterprise should be encouraged
rather than abandoned. All obstacles
such as any pier rights or other ob-
stacles to the water front in the way
of creating modern accommodation
for shipping should be removed if
unable to be co-ordinated in the general
plan of developments. Port facilities are
in the service not only of the Colony but
of South China and indeed of the many
ports with which commerce is inter-
changed. The control of the Port itself
and of port facilities as well as of all
other matters relating to the waterways,
construction of all port works under
construction, and the general maintenance,
amelioration and extension of the accom-
modation for the exploitation of the
waters of the Colony should therefore be
retained in the hands of the Government.Since the shipping or godown companies
themselves cannot be expected to initiate
necessary reforms, Government should
put into operation such works as are re-
commended and such extensions as with
the advice of the Advisory Authority it
is considered will best serve the interests
of the Port. The construction of the
quays, harbour roads and the carrying
out of all necessary dredging should be
undertaken by Government which would
lease the steamer berths to private opera-
tors on long term leases. The junk
basins, being as necessary an adjunct to
transport as roads and railways and at
the same time providing shelter for small
craft during typhoon weather should not
be a charge on the lessee of the steamer
berth. Private enterprise, however,
should be required to provide the shed,
cargo handling and all other facilities.
In regard to the granting of exclusive
and particularly long term leases for the
use of the piers and wharves, it would
seem well to observe some degree of cau-
tion. The recent experience in America
has been that such leases may result in
less efficient use of the facilities than is
desirable for the best interests of the
Port. A lessee, for example, may keep
his wharf idle rather than permit its use
by an actual or potential competitor or
he may make such high charges as to
drive business away from the port. This
actually happened in New York during
the Great War. If leases are made, they
should preferably be in the form of first
call on the berth, Government reserving
to itself the right when the berth is vacant
to assign to its vessels other than those
belonging to the lessee or in which he
may hold a direct or indirect interest.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The Silent Call," which is released
through Associated First National Pic-
tures, Inc., and said to be unique
among motion pictures, will be the fea-
ture at the Queen's Theatre to-day.
The story is a drama of the outdoor
west. Beautiful exterior, a romance
of the silent places of virgin forests and
mountains, and the novelty of a dog in
the leading role are the features that
have commended this release to photo-
play followers.PREVENTION OF ARMS SMUG-
GLING AT SHANGHAI.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Shanghai Municipal Council re-
cently appointed a Special Committee to
inquire into the question of the smug-
gling of fire-arms and to suggest what
might be done to check it. The following
report contains the recommendations made:The Committee was appointed by the
Council to inquire into the circumstances
attendant upon the prevalence of arms-
smuggling into Shanghai and its vicin-
ity, and the close connection thereof
with the prevalence of armed robberies,
and to make recommendations to the
Council with a view to the adoption of
suitable repressive measures.Two meetings have been held by the
Committee on November 10th and
November 24th, and the minutes of these
meetings have been forwarded to the
Council for information. A question-
naire was submitted to the Committee
as a basis for discussion, and as a re-
sult of careful consideration the follow-
ing recommendations were recorded:

SPECIAL DETECTIVES.

1.—That as the employment of detec-
tives by certain shipping companies
has led to most beneficial results, all
the more important shipping com-
panies should be asked to adopt like
measures, both at ports of loading
and on board the ship; also that
with a view to making it more dif-
ficult for suspected persons to con-
vey contraband aboard ship, the
Municipal Police should endeavour
to secure the co-operation of the
Police at Continental ports where it
is known that arms and ammunition
are taken on board.2.—That the Commissioner of Customs
be requested to address a letter to
all shipping companies, calling their
attention to the necessity of searches
for contraband, being conducted by
the ship's officers during the course
of a voyage. If later, a seizure of
arms and ammunition is made, a re-
port would be called for from the
Captain of the ship as to whether
the search had been carried out.3.—That the Commissioner of Customs
should address a letter to the ship-
ping companies emphasizing the im-
portance of strict compliance by them
with the conditions governing their
annual guarantee.4.—That Consular Courts of Inquiry be
instituted on board ship in all cases
where smuggled goods are found on
board by the Customs' searches. It
is agreed that such Courts should act
as expeditiously as possible.

PENALTIES AND POLICE.

5.—That representations should be made
to the various Consuls for the im-
position of the maximum penalty
for the offence of arms smug-
gling and where it is obvious that
the maximum penalty is clearly in-
sufficient to act as a deterrent
against this offence, that the various
Consuls who have as yet taken no
steps towards such penalties being
increased, be approached with the
view of the necessary powers being
obtained.6.—That a special branch of the Muni-
cipal Police be instituted to func-
tion on the private docks, wharves,
and jetties, between the Astor House
and Yangtze-poo, for the purpose of
preventing the landing, concealment
and distribution of arms and am-
munition, and that the owners of
such private properties be address-
ed in order to obtain the necessary
permission for the special branch of
the police, which would be detailed
solely for this purpose, to function
on their properties.7.—That an appeal be made to the
Chinese Chambers of Commerce and
the various institutions founded by
the merchant classes for their co-
operation in dealing with the
general question of arms smuggling.E. F. MACKEY
(Chairman).The Report is also signed by J. Cochet;
E. S. Cunningham, P. Crepin, J. Harold
Dollor, M. Ichiki, L. A. Lyall, H. M.
Tibbey.

MELODY AND MIRTH.

THE PANTALOONATICS AT THE
STAR.

OPENING TO-NIGHT.

The management of the Star in Kow-
loon have scored a veritable hit in secur-
ing the Pantaloontics for a two nights'
run, beginning this evening.What are the Pantaloontics? That
may be asked in fairness by the amuse-
ment loving public. But the answer
can best be had in person by the visitor
at the Star either to-night or to-morrow
night. In anticipation, however, let it
be said that they are a company of ten
performers from H.M.S. Durban, who
by kind permission of Captain J. C.
Hamilton, R.N., will present an enter-
tainment ranking with the best ever
seen at the Lyceum in Shanghai, accord-
ing to the Times of that city.The writer was privileged to see a
full dress rehearsal of the Pantaloontics
at the Star, where he sat enthralled
from start to finish of a really top-
notch performance, with never a dull
moment and never a hitch even for a
rehearsal. Melody and mirth prevail
throughout, and the whole is offered to
the public at the very low prices of one
dollar and two dollars, respectively.
Fifty per cent. of the net proceeds will
be devoted to charity, which should be
an additional reason for going to the
Star to-night or to-morrow night. Seats
may be booked at Montre's.BIG HAUL AT MESSRS.
WHITEAWAY'S.COUP WORTHY OF LONDON
CRACKSMEN.
LOOT ESTIMATED AT NEARLY
\$10,000.A daylight robbery which for daring
and ingenuity is on a par with many of
the exploits of trained cracksmen in the
West End of London, was carried out
during the week-end (presumably on
Sunday) at the Des Voeux Road premises
of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.The thieves, who are believed to have
been at least three in number, got suc-
cessfully away with booty estimated at
between \$8,000 and \$10,000 in value.Expert examination of the premises
yesterday showed that the miscreants
must have got in by way of the staircase
in the side entrance leading to Messrs.
Douglas, Laprak's offices. From the first
floor landing of this stairway, they
climbed through a window and made
their progress along a passage-way be-
hind the old P. & O. building and the
premises which formed their objective.
In order to gain access to these they had
to negotiate a wide ledge or parapet
leading to the verandah on the first floor.
Here growler marks show how they
broke in.Once inside they made a thorough over-
haul of the goods on the various floors,
and carefully selected those which were
most valuable and easily portable. Puck-
ing their "swag" into two valuable
leather suitcases from the shop's stock,
they left by means of a small window
giving out to the ledge by which they made
their entrance, and regained the street
by the way they had come.When Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw's
staff arrived yesterday morning, they
found the big store in a state of utter
confusion. Drawers had been pulled out
and overturned, goods of all descriptions
were strewn about on the floors, and the
rough usage to which counters and show-
cases had been subjected testified to the
thoroughness of the marauders' search.One safe had been broken open, and its
contents, silverware, taken; and an
attempt had been made to rifle a second
safe upstairs, containing a considerable
sum of money. In this, however, the
thieves were unsuccessful.

MANAGER'S THEORIES.

Mr. Octavius Smith, the manager of
Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw's Hongkong
branch, told a Daily Press representa-
tive, yesterday afternoon, of sundry
theories he had formed."It is clear that the robbery was the
work of Chinese," he said, "for foot-
prints discovered showed that the robbers
had very small feet and were wearing
Chinese shoes.""It also seems possible that one or
more of them had some knowledge of the
"geography" of the store, for the safe
which was robbed was in a very unob-
vious position, under a staircase on the
ground-floor, and would in all probability
have remained undiscovered by thieves
who did not know where it was."Among the goods stolen were:
Fountain pens (average
value \$10 apiece) \$2,500
Silver cutlery 600
Silk handkerchiefs 2,000
Silk scarves 800
Jaeger clothing 1,000
Two suitcases 115On the whole the value of the goods
stolen may be estimated at between \$8,000
and \$10,000."It is fairly certain that the robbery
was carried out during Sunday, because
I visited the store personally on Saturday
evening," added Mr. Smith, "and every-
thing was all right then. The watchman
on night duty outside heard nothing sus-
picious either on Saturday or Sunday
nights, so that I conclude that the thieves
must have done their work during day-
light on Sunday."On the police being notified yesterday
morning, Detective Inspector Eamer (in
charge of the case) with other officers,
including an expert in finger-prints, at
once made an examination of the pre-
mises. Inspector Cashman visited the
store later in the day.The most active enquiries are being
prosecuted, which it is hoped may lead
to the arrest of the robbers, who, it is
thought however, probably travelled to
Canton on the night of the robbery.

AN EPIC.

"THE COVERED WAGON"

LAST SHOW TO-DAY.

In "The Covered Wagon," to be seen
at the Coronet for the last time to-day,
everything is done on a heroic scale—
romantic and campfire incidents. That
is why the Paramount picture is "com-
monly described as epic. It deals large-
ly with real American heroes and
heroines, illustrating one of the most
fascinating features of American his-
tory, the winning of the West.
Parkman, long ago described vividly
the trials and triumphs of those who
ventured out on the Oregon trail.
The conquest of the West has for
decades been a favorite theme of
novelists and historians. But "The
Covered Wagon" taken from Emerson
Hough's magazine sketches, is the first
photo-drama to deal with Oregon trail
adventures in a manner worthy of the
splendid theme.Lois, Wilson, J. Warren Kerrigan,
Alan Hale, Ernest Torrence, Tully Mar-
shall, Hilde Johnson Fox, Charles Ogle,
Ethel Wales and Guy Oliver play the
leading roles. Miss Wilson, heroine of
many screen productions appears as the
pragmatic school-teacher for whose hand
two of the younger adventurers fight
desperately all the way across the
plains.

INTIMATIONS

THE STAR FERRY COMPANY.
LIMITED.1.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING OF THE STAR FERRY COMPANY,
LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Limited, Pender
Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the
14th day of JANUARY, 1925, at Noon, when
the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed as
an Extraordinary Resolution.(a) That the following Article shall be
inserted after Article 110 of the Articles
of Association:110A. (a) The Company in
General Meeting may at any time
pass a Resolution for the effect
that it is desirable to capitalise
any sum or sums of money be-
ing sum or sums of money be-
ing part of the Undivided Profits
of the Company standing to the
credit of the Company's Reserve
Fund, and accordingly that such
sum or sums be distributed as a
Bonus among the Members in
proportion to the Shares held by
them respectively, and that the
Directors be authorised to distrib-
ute among the Members any
Undivided Shares or New Shares
in like proportions.(b) When any such Resolu-
tion as that referred to in the
preceding paragraph shall have
been passed, the Directors may
also and issue to the Members
as nearly as may be in propor-
tion to the Shares held by them
respectively and in such
fraction of the said Bonus, the
fraction of the said Bonus, the
Undivided Shares or New Shares
(referred to as Paid Up Shares) as
shall be necessary to bring the
amount payable to such Members
in respect of the Reserve Fund,
with full power to make such
provisions by the issue of Frac-
tional Certificates or otherwise as
they may think expedient for the
case of fractions, and prior to such
distribution the Directors may
authorise any person on behalf of
the Members to enter into any
Agreement with the Company pro-
viding for the allotment through
them of such Shares credited
as Paid Up Shares aforesaid and
in satisfaction as aforesaid, and
any Agreement made under such
authority shall be effective.(c) It shall be no objection
to Resolutions passed under para-
graph (a) of this Article that they
are passed at the Meeting at which
the Resolution is introduced as a Special
Resolution, provided that due
notice of the intention to propose
such first mentioned Resolution
shall have been given prior to the
Confirmatory Meeting aforesaid.2.—AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER
GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-
SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEET-
ING OF THE STAR FERRY COMPANY,
LIMITED, will be held at the said Office of
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on
MONDAY, the 2nd day of FEBRUARY,
1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together with the
Report of Accounts for the Eight months ended
on the 31st day of December, 1924.3.—AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO
GIVEN THAT A FURTHER EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the above Com-
pany will be held at the said Office of
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Limited,
on MONDAY the 2nd day of FEBRUARY,
1925, immediately after the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together with the
Report of Accounts for the Eight months ended
on the 31st day of December, 1924.4.—AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO
GIVEN THAT AN ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above Company will be
held at the said Office of Messrs. JARDINE,
MATHESON & Co., Limited, immediately after
the conclusion of the last mentioned Meeting
for the purpose of considering and, if thought
fit, passing the following further Resolutions
as Ordinary Resolutions, namely:(a) That the authorised Capital of the
Company (which is now \$400,000
consisting of 40,000 Shares of the
nominal value of \$10 each, all of
which have been justly increased
to \$1,000,000 by the creation of
60,000 Additional Shares of the nominal
value of \$10 each.(b) That it is desirable to capitalise the
Sum of \$400,000 being part of the
Undivided Profits of the Company
standing to the credit of the Company's
Reserve Fund and accordingly for
the purpose of effecting such
capitalisation in pursuance of Article
110A of the Company's Articles of
Association a Bonus of \$10 per share
on the issued Shares of the Company
be and the same is hereby declared
and that the Directors be and they
are hereby authorised to satisfy such
Bonus by the distribution amongst the
Persons who are registered as Holders
of the present issue of Shares of the
Company on the 2nd day of February,
1925, of one of the Newly Issued
Shares of the Company credited as
Fully Paid Up in respect of every one
Existing Share of the Company held by
such Persons as aforesaid and that
such New Ordinary Shares rank for
Dividend and in every other respect
pari passu with the Shares already issued
and that the whole or any part of the
remainder of the Undivided Shares of
the Company be disposed of in such
manner at such time or times and
upon such terms as the Company's
Directors shall in their absolute
discretion think fit.THE REGISTERED SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the
26th day of January, 1925, to MONDAY, the 2nd
day of February, 1925, both days inclusive.
Dated this 30th day of December, 1924.By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY. THE SIXTEENTH CONGREGATION. SIR HENRY POLLOCK AND MR. JOHN SWIRE HONOURED.

The sixteenth Congregation of the University of Hongkong took place yesterday afternoon, when the Degree of Doctor of Laws (*Honoris Causa*) was presented to Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and Mr. John Swire (*in absentia*).

The Great Hall of the University was crowded to its utmost capacity when the Procession, which included members of the Court Council and Senate of the University, proceeded to the platform. The Procession comprised:—

His Excellency The Chancellor.
The Vice-Chancellor.
The Dean, Faculty of Medicine and the Dean, Faculty of Arts and the Registrar.
H.E. Sir John Fowler and His Honour Sir Henry Gollan.
His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz and Hon. Sir Claude Severn.
Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp and Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer.
Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax and Hon. Mr. H. T. Green.
Hon. Mr. P. F. Holyoak and Hon. Mr. E. B. C. Wolf.
Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son and Mr. Chau Siu Ki.
Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotevall and Dr. J. R. Addison.
Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce and Mr. A. H. Barlow.
Mr. S. W. Tso and Mr. Ho Fook.
Mr. Ho Kam Tong and Mr. Ho Kwong.
Dr. R. M. Gibson and Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.
Mr. M. P. Talbot and Mr. J. R. Wood.
Mr. Mok Kon Sang and Mr. Fung Ping Shan.
Prof. H. G. Earle and Prof. W. Brown.
Prof. G. T. Byrne and Prof. F. A. Redmond.
Prof. J. Anderson and Prof. J. L. Shellhear.
Prof. W. Faid and Prof. J. W. N. Smith.
Dr. G. W. McKenny and Dr. G. H. Thomas.
Dr. E. P. Minnett and Rev. C. B. Shann.
Rev. J. Romanis Lee and Mr. D. W. Morley.
Mr. A. H. Fenwick and Mr. C. W. Keaton.
Dr. Lai Hsi Chi and Mr. Au Tai Tin.
Dr. J. Fenton and Mr. A. S. Hett.
His Excellency the Chancellor declared the Congregation open, and the Band of the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment played the University anthem.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS.
The Vice-Chancellor in presenting the honorary graduate said:—Your Excellency, I have to ask you to confer two honorary degrees. The first is on Mr. John Swire and the second on Sir Henry Edward Pollock, Knight and King's Counsel. The degree to Mr. John Swire was conferred some months ago before I was Vice-Chancellor of the University. I had hoped that Mr. Swire might have visited Hongkong, and have not yet abandoned hope that some day he will do so.

Mr. Swire is a Director and Senior partner of the firm of Messrs. John Swire & Sons, Limited, which trades with the Far East under the name of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, otherwise the Taikoo firm of China. Mr. Swire, whose father was the founder of the firm, also was well-known in the Far East. Mr. Swire, who is the recipient of our honorary degree, has visited the Far East on several occasions, and I am told that on these occasions he evinced great interest in matters relating to the education of the Chinese.

Mr. Swire was educated at Eton and University College, Oxford. He has commercial interests to which must be added a great enthusiasm for horses. He is Master of foxhounds in the County of Essex, and has published a book on "Anglo-French Horsemanship" which has been very successful.

When the idea of this University was first mooted, the Taikoo firm made an offer of £40,000 (applause), an offer which, in the words of the first Chancellor of the University, made the realisation of the scheme possible. That contribution has since been supplemented by a contribution of \$100,000 from Messrs. John Swire & Sons, Ltd., London, the income from which is devoted to the Engineering Department.

I need hardly remind my audience of the Taikoo Docks and the Taikoo Sugar Refinery. Speaking for myself and my colleagues, we shall not be satisfied until the graduates of this University find their way into these two undertakings as workers.

The University owes a great debt of gratitude to the Taikoo firm. If you would seek evidence of it I have merely to ask you to cast your eyes at the platform, where sits Mr. Middleton Smith, Taikoo Professor in Engineering. (Applause.) The senior officer of the firm has always been a member of the University Council and Finance Committee. I am sorry Mr. G. M. Young is not here this afternoon, but I am very glad to see Mr. Brown here in his place and other representatives of this great firm. It is our desire to ask for union and sympathy with the great commercial undertakings of this town, and look for help, guidance and advice.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (applause) has recently been knighted by the King. Sir Henry Pollock was educated at Charterhouse, but left there at the early age of 18, first to go into a bank in Old Drury. There he remained for a year, but everyone it was obvious that he was designed from birth to be a lawyer.

Having received £50 as a remuneration for his year's service, he withdrew to the shades of the Temple and studied law. He was called to the Bar in 1883, and came out to Hongkong in 1884, and was immediately admitted as a practitioner.

Since then Sir Henry has played many leading parts as Puisne Judge, Police Magistrate, Attorney-General—both here and in Fiji—and also as Chairman of the Peace Celebration and War Memorial Finance Committee. As Chairman of the Housing Committee, he produced what our local Press described as a voluminous report. But this report does not exhaust the whole of Sir Henry's literary work. Sir Henry has already been an ardent supporter of Constitutional Reform on the lines of the Petition which went to the House of Commons. He has been a member of the University Court from the start of the University. (Applause.) I think I am right in saying he has never missed any meeting held. (Applause.)

It is almost a tradition to describe lawyers as possessors of characters which are dubious and witty. (Laughter.) A book published in English in the 15th century opened with a long diatribe concerning wrong-doers, and said "The lawyer shall never want of a living till the earth wanteth of men."

I trust Sir Henry will live long and when the times comes for him to go, he has deserved well of the community among which he has been so long. (Applause.) In welcoming you, Sir Henry, to the not undistinguished company of honorary graduates of this University, we welcome you as a citizen with a great record of public service and devotion as a worker for the University, who has already done a great deal for it, and we ask that your co-operation and advice be continued. (Loud applause.)

Degrees were then presented among much applause from the Gallery which was packed with students.

Apart from the honorary degree the following were presented:—
Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery:

Tan Soo Kim.
To Shiu Hung.

Degree of Bachelor of Science (Engineering):

Yeow Tuck Onn.

Degree of Bachelor of Arts:

Tsung Kue Shan.

Wong Kwok Fong.

Wong Tin Sik.

SIR HENRY REPLIES.

Sir Henry Pollock replied, and said:—I feel it a very great honour to be here this afternoon to receive an honorary degree. My only regret is that I am not able to inform you, because it would not be correct, that I have earned the degree by my own tongue, and I feel rather bashful as a lawyer, to come before you for an honorary degree.

As I said just now I appreciate very much the honour done to me not merely for myself, but when I reflect upon the numerous distinguished men who have received that degree before me. Whilst I am speaking of my predecessors, perhaps you will allow me to say that there seems to be an impression abroad that the recipients of this degree are so intoxicated by it that they are unable to walk out of the room, but I would prefer to march out on my own feet. (Laughter.) I hope you will allow me to do so.

Students, I do not come before you as a stranger. It has been my privilege to give addresses on various subjects. You were good enough to listen for an hour on two occasions I gave lectures. You were very attentive yourselves and I propose to detain you only for a comparatively short time this afternoon. I am quite sure, students, you realise the great importance of the work which you are doing here in this University, and I hope that you will bear in mind that importance. I also venture to hope in the pursuit of your degree, whether of medicine or engineering, that you will not be led astray by the spirit of commercialism. In the sordid profession of the law I can assure you there is a great deal to be obtained by doing work for the benefit of others. (Applause.)

You are perhaps tempted to feel that you, individually, are only a single unit, I would remind you that it is the very solitary men of the world who have been able in a great many cases to produce very great and striking results, and that each one of you can do a great deal, provided that you follow the traditions of the past, and you don't lay aside three qualities—namely respect for parents, respect for authority and respect for tradition.

I hope that in these days of change that you will still pay regard to these three qualities to which I have referred, and that you will also continue to exercise the great gifts of patience, perseverance and industry, which have so materially contributed to the welfare of your race.

I do not propose to say anything except in very general terms about the state of affairs we can see around us in the Republic of China. I will only say this, if you gentlemen are interested in the politics of China, I sincerely trust that you will put your weight into the scale of conciliation and not into the scale of violence. (Applause.)

I am convinced that only by means of passive co-operation between the leaders in China a successful issue out of the present troubles will be found, and if I may venture to do so, I should like to commend to them the splendid saying handed down from an old sage: "Within the four seas all men are brothers."

His Excellency then declared the Congregation closed.

WEDDINGS.

FRANKLIN—MURDOCK.

The wedding took place at the Peak Church yesterday afternoon of Mr. Frederick Percy Franklin, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Franklin, of Bournemouth, and Miss Gladys Livingston Murdock, daughter of the Rev. A. G. Murdock, M.A., B.D., and Mrs. Murdock, of Glass Huntley, Scotland. The Rev. H. Copley Moyle was the officiating clergyman. Mr. P. W. Greene gave away the bride, who had as bridesmaid Miss Margaret Turnbull, and as flower girl Miss Nancy Greene. Mr. A. Morley discharged the duties of best man.

Mrs. Quarles van Ufford acted as organist, playing the Wedding March and the hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden."

The bride's dress was of white charmeuse, trimmed with pearls and orange blossom. She wore a white georgette hat with ostrich feather trimming and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaid's dress was of silver charmeuse, trimmed with georgette and she wore a black cloche hat trimmed with pink and mauve georgette flowers. The little flower girl wore a cream figured net dress flounced over white charmeuse.

The bride's going away dress was of powdered blue wool morocain, embroidered and hat of black tulle with powdered blue silk trimming and crimson moss rosebuds.

A reception was held after the ceremony at No. 205, The Peak. The happy couple are going on a honeymoon trip to Amoy and Foochow.

The bridegroom is on the staff of the *Hongkong Telegraph* and the bride has been a nursing sister in the Government hospitals.

MARRIAGE OF MISS DAISY HO TUNG.

The wedding of Sir Robert Ho Tung's second daughter, Miss Daisy Ho Tung, to Mr. Ou-yung Kung Sai, eldest son of Mr. Ou-yung Wei Chong, a leading Cantonese merchant and banker of Hankow, took place last week at the Great Eastern Hotel in Shanghai.

Mr. Tang Shao Yi, the veteran diplomat, officiated. Mr. Ou-yung Tzu Hsu was the best man and Miss Jean Ho Tung and Miss May Ho Tung were the bridesmaids. Mr. Kao Lang Ting's two daughters were flower girls. The wedding was celebrated before a very large representative gathering of friends and relations of the two families.

The hall was most tastefully decorated with flowers. The procession which wound its way from the bride's home at Seymour Road was accompanied by Moutrie's band and four Indian troopers. The bride wore a pink gown very richly embroidered. After the ceremony the young couple proceeded to their new home at Siza Road.

QUADRUPLE WEDDING AT THE CATHEDRAL.

FOUR CHINESE BROTHERS MARRIED.

An interesting ceremony at which eight Chinese Christians were married, all four bridegrooms being brothers, took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

The bridegrooms, Messrs. Ma Man Chung, Ma Man Kaap, Ma Man Hing, and Ma Man Fah, are sons of Mr. Ma Ying Piu, hon. managing director of the Sincere Company, who twenty-five years ago founded the business in Hongkong, and has since been largely instrumental in bringing it to its present remarkable state of prosperity, with branches in Shanghai, Hankow, Canton, and elsewhere.

His sons enumerated above were married respectively to Misses Wong Oi Chun, Katherine Cheuk, Yeung Man Yung, and Kwok Lai Lin. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Kau Yan; and the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle afterwards pronounced a blessing, this being the only part of the ceremony which was spoken in English.

The church was elaborately decorated with greenery and white chrysanthemums, and an enormous floral bell, also of white chrysanthemums, was hung between the pillars of the arch fronting the main entrance to the Cathedral.

The wedding was timed for 2 p.m., and when a *Daily Press* representative arrived just before this hour, a large number of motor-cars had been parked all round the sacred building.

The Cathedral itself was packed with Chinese of both sexes and all ages, from squalling babyhood to decrepit senility; and more were continually arriving. Happily they showed their way in, and stood crammed together in the aisles and between the pews, chattering, laughing, while waiting for the bridal couples.

An octette of young men whose smiles rivalled their shiny silk toppers for beaming brilliance made their appearance at about half past two. These were the bridegrooms and their best men.

Shortly afterwards the brides arrived, and walked very slowly and with their heads held very low, up the aisle. They were each attired in white wedding dress and veil, in the European style, and were preceded by a very pretty little Chinese girl who carried a huge basket of flowers.

No sooner had they passed than the vast crowd of people standing in the aisles, surged forward towards the altar as the service commenced. An American who was present remarked that it was like "Bargain day" at a department store, but to the *Daily Press* representative it seemed more reminiscent of a football match, with the crowd trying to rush the enclosure at a Cup Final.

SHIPMASTER'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

CAPT. DE WOLF GORED BY A BUFFALO.

SENSATIONAL PRAYA SCENE.

Captain de Wolf, the master of the *s.s. Hinchow*, belonging to the China Navigation Company, had a narrow escape from death yesterday.

He had just landed on the Praya from the Cheung Chau ferry and was travelling in a ricksha, accompanied by Mr. D. E. Donnelly in another, when close to Wing Lok Street, a buffalo which was being driven to the slaughter-house, ran amok and charged at Captain de Wolf.

The latter managed to scramble out of his ricksha before the enraged animal reduced it to matchwood. The beast then turned upon Captain de Wolf, and butted him to the ground three times, finally holding him down with one hoof on his ankle and goring him in the thigh.

Mr. Donnelly pluckily went to his companion's assistance, and, seizing the animal's right horn, he placed his knee against its neck in an attempt to prevent it from renewing the attack.

Inspector Lane, who had also just arrived from Cheung Chau, came up at this moment. He drew his revolver, but was unable to use it owing to the presence of a big crowd of Chinese who had gathered like magic, but who made no attempt to help. The Inspector added his strength to that of Mr. Donnelly, and the pair succeeded in holding the buffalo until the recumbent Captain de Wolf was got out of danger.

The injured man was taken to No. 7 Police Station, where his wounds were attended to. They were subsequently cauterized by Dr. Morrison. The Captain, who apart from the goring, was badly shaken and had had his clothes torn, returned to Cheung Chau later in the afternoon to rest.

Great credit is due to Mr. Donnelly for his prompt and plucky action, failing which it is probable that Captain de Wolf would have been killed.

THE GOVERNOR'S POWERS.

APPEAL AGAINST MR. JUSTICE DYER BALL'S DECISION.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

The appeal against a decision of Mr. Justice Dyer Ball, in which the validity and effect of an order made by the Governor in Council is questioned, was resumed yesterday morning in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz).

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., appeared for the appellants, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., for respondents.

Mr. Potter said that just prior to the adjournment of the case on December 23rd, it had been agreed that he, for the respondents, should bring evidence as to their not having had an opportunity of being heard before the Order in Council was made.

Sir Henry Pollock pointed out that he agreed with Mr. Potter as to their not having been given an opportunity before the order was made.

Mr. Potter said that if such an opportunity were not given, an order of this kind might be fraught with the most serious consequences to owners of property.

His Lordship referred Mr. Potter to the Law Report of a case which he himself (Sir Henry Gollan) had argued at Trinidad. The question of order made by the Governor in Executive Council was dealt with in a case where the order had been made *ex-parte*.

Their Lordships reserved judgment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND BOWLING MATCH.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Re the so called Bowls International Match England v. Scotland reported in your paper this morning and which England are reported to have won, beating Scotland in 5 rinks out of the 6 rinks playing, would you kindly allow me space in your paper strongly to protest against the assumption and presumption of the people who had the audacity to put forth the Teams representing Scotland, as in my opinion they are very far from being representative teams of Scottish Bowlers in this Colony.

Out of the 24 players on the Scottish side not more than a dozen were in any way entitled, from a Bowling point of view, to play in a match which purported to be indicative of the relative merits of the Scottish and English Bowlers in the Colony. From a personal point of view the only conclusion I can come to is that quite a number of the Scottish players have been chosen not because they were in the smallest degree qualified as Bowlers but simply because they happen to be so called Taipans or would-be Taipans. Now, Mr. Editor, in the interests of historical accuracy and fair play, I think it only right that this criticism of this match should appear in your paper. Quite a few of the chosen for this match seem to possess an uncanny knack of always getting into the limelight, and it would be very interesting to a large number of bona fide League Bowlers to have an explanation of why they have been ignored in this match (if it is supposed to be a representative match between English and Scottish Bowlers in the Colony) and people brought in to play who have never even played in a League match and who make no endeavour throughout the Bowling season to qualify as Bowlers. The whole thing appears to be a bit of a comedy.—Yours faithfully,

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THE HONGKONG MALE VOICE CHORUS.

Assisted by
Mrs. A. M. BOWEN-SMITH—Soprano.
Mr. W. C. ASHMAN, R.N.—Violoncello.
Mr. G. W. BURNETT—Humorous Monologues.
At the Piano—Mrs. STANLEY COLLETT.
Messrs. F. MASON, A.R.O.O., F.T.C.L., and A.M. BOWEN-SMITH.
Conductor—Mr. STANLEY COLLETT.

Proceeds in Aid of
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL FUNDS.
TICKETS—\$2 and \$1 at ANDERSON'S.
[1682]

NOTICE.

MR. ANTONIO ALEXANDRINO
ROSSELLO BOTELEHO, HAS THIS
DAY BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OUR FIRM NAME
For Procurement.
BOTELEHO BROS.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1925. [1680]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MR. N. BLUMENTHOL HAS THIS DAY
Came to have any connection with the Firm
of N. BLUMENTHOL & CO., of No. 4, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG, WINE and SPIRITS
Merchants.
N. BLUMENTHOL & CO.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1925. [1681]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY REINQUIRED
the Agency of THE SWEDISH EAST
ASIATIC CO. LTD., of GOTHENBURG.
THE SWEDISH TRADING CO. LTD.
Hongkong 1st January, 1925. [1676]

NOTICE.

WRIGHT & COMPANY,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
Interest and Responsibility of MR. T. W.
HORNBY in our Firm will cease as said
From the 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1924.
WRIGHT & COMPANY.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1924. [1674]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1925.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races
Close on SATURDAY, 10TH
JANUARY, 1925, at 3 P.M., and must be sent
to THE SECRETARY, c/o LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Alexander Buildings, on or before This Date.
Entry Forms are now ready and can be had
at the JOCKEY CLUB STALLS, RACE COURSE,
HONGKONG CLUB, or LINSTEAD & DAVIS.
[1622]

NORTH-BOUND STEAMERS.

A S. During the North-East Monsoon there
is always a possibility of North-bound
Steamers Running Short.

OF BUNKER COAL.

This is to Inform You that TAIT & CO.
AMOI, (A Well-known Port with Good
Anchorage) have Stocks of

GOOD JAPANESE BUNKER COALS

AT REASONABLE PRICES.
Wireless Messages via Hongkong or Formosa
are Re-transmitted by the GREAT NORTHERN
TRADING CO., and a Wire to "TAIT" or
"GOALBUNKER" AMOI, will Receive their
Prompt Attention.
Bentley's Complete-Phrase Code used.
[1437]

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

CHINA BUILDING.

GROUND FLOOR.

If You have anything you would like to Sell,
Exchange or Advertise, send it to the
CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.
E. V. M. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.
[1686]

INTIMATIONS

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LTD.

5% FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURES (KAILAN BONDS).

PAYMENT of The HALF-YEARLY
INTEREST Due on 1st JANUARY, 1925,
will be made on Presentation of Coupon No. 45
at any of the undermentioned Banks, viz.:

- HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
ORIENTAL BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.
At Tientsin and
Shanghai.
At Hongkong.
BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
At Tientsin and
Hongkong only.
At Tientsin and
Shanghai only.
BANQUE BELGE POUR
L'ETRANGER.

The Interest, less Income Tax at 4s. 6d. in
the £, will be paid on the day of the
Presentation of the Coupon (Gross) 12. 0.
Less Tax at 4s. 6d. in the £ 2. 8. 3/4
Net Amount Payable 9. 3. 3/4

On £100 DEBENTURES:
Per Coupon (Gross) £3. 0. 0.
Less Tax at 4s. 6d. in the £ 13. 6.
Net Amount Payable £2. 6. 6.

On £500 DEBENTURES:
Per Coupon (Gross) £15. 0. 0.
Less Tax at 4s. 6d. in the £ 3. 7. 6.
Net Amount Payable £11. 12. 6.

Payment will be made in either Dollars or
Taels at the Demand Paying Rate of Exchange
of the Day the Coupon is presented.

By Order,
THE KAILAN MINING
ADMINISTRATION,
E. J. NATHAN,
Acting General Manager.
[1688]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

5% PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURES (KAILAN BONDS).

TWELFTH DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in
conformity with the conditions endorsed
upon the Debentures, the undermentioned
Numbers of Debentures of the total value of
£24,000 were drawn on the TWELFTH DAY
of OCTOBER, 1924, at the Office of the Company,
No. 22, Austin Friars, in the City of London.

one of the Directors, ALFRED WILLIAM BERRY,
Secretary of the Company, and JOHN WILLIAM
PATER, J.A. 1924, of 7/8, Great Winchester
Street, London, E.C.2, Notary Public.

The said Debentures will be paid off at Par
on the 31st DECEMBER, 1924, at either of
the following places:

In LONDON: At the Transfer Office of the
Company, No. 3, London Wall Buildings,
E.C.2;
In HONGKONG: At the Offices of the Local
Board, 13, rue Broderick, Basse-Ville;
In CHINA: At the General Offices of the
Company, Tientsin.

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70 BONDS OF £100 EACH, NUMBERED:

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725 BONDS OF £20 EACH, NUMBERED:

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLAND STILL FIGHTING FOR VICTORY.

FIVE BOWLING BY 12.

MELBOURNE, January 5th.

There was a crowd of 330 present today to witness the continuation of the second Test match. The weather was glorious and the wicket perfect.

When stumps were drawn England had been disposed of for a total of 479 and Australia had lost 3 wickets for 63 runs in the second innings.

THE DAY'S PLAY.

Hobbs was out from the second ball bowled (1 for 28). Woolley one run later (2 for 284). Hearne pl on when 305 was on the board (3 for 305). At the luncheon interval, there had reached 338 without further loss. Hendren and Sutcliffe being here.

Hendren left at 373 for 373; Sutcliffe saw the fourth try registered, but left four runs later (404). At the tea interval 3 wickets were down for 412.

The crowd were keenly pointed at the failure of the first to break the record. Sutcliffe gave them and excellent display while he was "rock-like." He was at the wicket 7 hours and 11 minutes, and four. He met with a tremendous on his return to the pavilion.

Hendren batted patiently hour, while Tate had a merry England's innings lasted 8 and 18 minutes.

The Australians started second innings in a sensational manner, leaving with only 30 on the board. A. Richardson bel at 13 and Ponsford's wicket fell at 27.

Tate bowled superbly.

The position at present

AUSTRALIA.

1st Innings.

W. Bardsley, c Strudwick.

Gilligan, c Strudwick.

H. L. Collins, c Strudwick.

Arthur Richardson, run.

M. Ponsford, b Tate.

J. M. Taylor, run out.

Victor Richardson, run.

C. Kellaway, c Strudwick.

Gilligan, c Strudwick.

A. E. Hartkopf, c Chit.

J. M. Gregory, c Gilligan.

W. A. Oldfield, run.

A. A. Mailey, l.b.w. Doug.

Extras.

Total.

Bowling Analysis.

W. Bardsley, 10.

H. L. Collins, 9.

F. E. Woolley, 8.

J. M. Taylor, 7.

W. A. Oldfield, 6.

A. E. Hartkopf, 5.

J. M. Gregory, 4.

Victor Richardson, 3.

C. Kellaway, 2.

Gilligan, 1.

A. A. Mailey, 0.

Tyldeley, 0.

Total.

Bowling Analysis.

W. Bardsley, 10.

H. L. Collins, 9.

F. E. Woolley, 8.

J. M. Taylor, 7.

W. A. Oldfield, 6.

A. E. Hartkopf, 5.

J. M. Gregory, 4.

Victor Richardson, 3.

C. Kellaway, 2.

Gilligan, 1.

A. A. Mailey, 0.

Tyldeley, 0.

Total (for 3 wickets).

V. Richardson, C. Kellaway, A. E. Hartkopf, J. M. Gregory, W. A. Oldfield and A. A. Mailey.

LATEST CABLES.

FASCIST REVIVAL.

NUMEROUS GROUPS REJOICE IN ITALY.

ROME, January 5th.

Numerous demonstrations were organised in Italy on Sunday, rejoicing at the revival of the Fascist spirit in consequence of Signor Mussolini's speech.

Police and troops in Milan had to protect the offices of the *Corriere Del Lastra* and other Opposition newspapers, also the Masonic Lodges.

A legion of militia engaged in tactical manoeuvres with machine-guns in Rome, the idea being resistance to a supposed invading force. General Gandolfo, the new commander of the militia, afterwards reviewed the legion and issued an order praising the military spirit and bearing of the militia. Subsequently, the legion paraded through Rome, singing the Fascist hymn "Giovinezza," the artillery section carrying machine-guns on their shoulders. The parade was headed by Colonel Candelori, whom Signor Rossi specially attacked in the memorandum mentioned on December 29th.

Farinacci, leader of the uncompromising Fascists, accompanied Candelori and the legion and paid homage at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Police and troops guarded the offices of the Opposition newspapers. There were no disorders.

AFGHAN PRETENDER.

ABDUL KARIM IN JAIL AT LAHORE.

DELHI, January 5th.

The Afghan Pretender, Abdul Karim, leader of the Khost rebellion in Afghanistan, has been arrested. He has been confined in the jail at Lahore.

EVACUATION OF COLOGNE.

ALLIED NOTE HANDED TO HERR MARX.

BERLIN, January 5th.

The British, French, Italian and Japanese Ambassadors and the Belgian Minister called on Herr Marx (the Premier and Foreign Minister) at 12.30 to-day. They presented to him the Allied Governments' Note with regard to the evacuation of Cologne.

MARCH ON JEDDAH.

ALI'S FORCES DRIVE OFF INVADER.

JEDDAH, January 5th.

Having rejected final attempts to bring about peace Ibn Saud moved his forces towards Jeddah. His advance guards reached the outskirts of the town yesterday morning but were driven off by Ali's forces.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING.

STEAMERS AGAIN LAID UP AT SYDNEY.

SYDNEY, January 5th.

Additional steamers are laid up here in consequence of shipowners refusing to pick up, seamen at "Communist" Hall, which the Seamen's Union has stipulated as the only place from which seamen are obtainable.

STEEL AND IRON.

FIGURES OF FRENCH OUTPUT LAST YEAR.

PARIS, January 5th.

France's steel production during 1924 amounted to 7,000,000 tons. Cast iron produced amounted to 7,500,000 tons. In 1913 the figures were steel 4,086,860 tons; cast iron 5,207,207 tons.—Havas.

EARLIER CABLES.

PALACE OF PEACE.

PLANS INVITED FOR GENEVA BUILDING.

GENEVA, January 4th.

An international jury will shortly meet at Geneva to determine the conditions for the international competition for the best design of a palace for the assemblies of the League of Nations. Sir John Burdett will represent Great Britain on the jury, which will dispose of £100,000 in prizes for the best plans.

POLITICS IN ITALY.

MUSCOLINI NIPS TERRORISM IN BUD.

BUDAPEST, January 4th.

The measures foreshadowed in the Chamber yesterday, by Signor Mussolini, the Premier, have already been put into operation.

It is alleged that the subversive elements planned to produce a state of anarchy by taking possession of the railways, and already had set afoot several attempts at terrorism.

The Government has now ordered the reinforcement of the Fascist Railway Militia and instructed the prefects throughout the country to continue searches in houses and offices for dangerous leaders and dissolve political clubs when found guilty of conspiring against the interests of the country. The prefects are also authorised to mobilise the local Fascist Militia to assist the police and Carabinieri in safeguarding order.

The authorities believe that these measures, coupled with maintenance of the muzzle policy in respect of the Opposition Press, will curtail the strength of the Opposition leaders.

NEVA IN FLOOD.

FACTORIES IN LENINGRAD DAMAGED.

MOSCOW, January 4th.

A south-westerly gale drove the waters of the Gulf of Finland up the Neva, which rose eight feet, inundating some islands on which Leningrad is built.

The Nevsky Prospect was flooded and several factories were damaged, but the loss was minimised owing to the citizens being officially warned and all their goods being previously removed from the docks.

There were no fatalities.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO.

INSURGENTS STILL CAUSING TROUBLE.

PARIS, January 4th.

It is officially reported from Tangier that the situation in the Spanish zone in Morocco is as follows:—General Saro has halted at Ainghennen, on the frontiers of the international zone, with 3,000 men, awaiting reinforcements to relieve Meheba, in the Anjera district, the only post remaining to be relieved, after which the Spanish troops will retire to the line established by Primo de Rivera. Twenty Spanish troops were killed and 171 wounded in the operations on January 1st and 2nd. The insurgents invested Seguedia, near the international bridge. Spanish aerial bombardments heavily punished the villages. Six warships bombarded the coast on January 2nd. The Spanish command intends to establish posts round the frontier of the international zone.

LEARNING CHINESE.

In "A Medley of Prose and Verse," Lady Crawford states:—"Have you ever thought how I began my Chinese study? Of course, it is impossible to get a teacher who knows English. A man, as worthy and as elderly as can be, is procured. He begins by reading a sentence; I rhyme it stammering after him. Again he reads; again I repeat over and over. I try to wind my stammering tongue round the sounds, or to discover if they are produced by tongue at all, or throat, or teeth. I sometimes think some sounds come from the bronchial tubes; and till one has acquired a mild chronic bronchitis one can't be expected to speak a la Chinoise."

It's not lively for either teacher or taught. How would you like to repeat "the cat has a rat" ten times, and hear patiently a stupid, stammering Chinese woman stammer it after you? No wonder my worthy bespectacled teacher nods, and even occasionally goes further. There daily comes a time when I have finished my phrase, and wait in vain for the next. The mouth is open, but the eyes are shut. I then gently nudge his book, taking care to do so looking out of the window or in some way to appear unconscious of his remissness; but I have known repeated nudges to fail, even the closing of my big fat "Mateer" with a loud bang! Still he slumbers on, and I have left him to his day-dreams in despair, disgust, and anger. It's no wonder I'm many a time sleepy myself. "Big Mateer" is our text book—a ponderous volume; it is a grand lesson-book. We may in time learn to think of it lovingly, but for the first two or three years "Big Mateer" we dwell with by day, and by night.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TESTING FENG'S LOYALTY.

ABOLITION OF INSPECTORS-GENERAL OF ARMY.

PEKING, January 5th.

A mandate abolishes the posts of Inspectors-General of the Army, of whom General Feng Yu Hsiang is one. The mandate instructs Feng Yu Hsiang to remain as Tupan of the North-West Frontier Defence, to which post Tiao Kun's administration appointed him. But he then ignored the appointment.

Another mandate appoints Sang Chi Yuan acting commandant of Feng Yu Hsiang's famous eleventh division. It is assumed Government expects Feng Yu Hsiang to turn over the command thereof temporarily.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin recently stated he intended to leave Tientsin for Mukden to-day. Well-informed persons assert Chang Tso Lin's decision has precipitated a situation in which the Government is determined immediately to test Feng Yu Hsiang's loyalty—a thing which these mandates undoubtedly do.

WU GOES AFLOAT.

HANKOW, January 4th.

Marshal Wu Pei Fu, yesterday, boarded a gunboat with his wife and entourage of troops five miles down the river, and the warship dropped anchor and remained overnight. To-day the warship is still there. The reason for the delay has not been ascertained.

(FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN.")

PEKING CHINESE SCARED.

RUMOUR OF IMPENDING COUP D'ETAT.

PEKING, January 4th.

There was a recrudescence to-day of the scare among the Chinese, many of whom are again taking their valuables to places of safety.

The scare is accompanied by vague rumours of an impending coup d'etat. REPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE. Some 200 bodies, mostly student groups, have formed an association to "encourage the Rehabilitation Conference."

The chief aim of the association is to secure the representation of the people.

RULER AT TSINGTAO.

It is reported that the Government contemplates appointing Ma Liang Director of the Tsingtao Administration.

SUN YAT SEN PROSECUTED IN A PEKING COURT.

CHARGED WITH MURDER AND INCENDIARISM.

"It is quite beyond one's expectations," says the *Shun Tien Shih Pao*, "that in a city like Peking where so much enthusiasm is being exhibited in welcoming Dr. Sun Yat Sen, someone should have filed a petition with the local Procuratorate against the 'father of the Revolution' charging him with murder and incendiarism. To Dr. Sun's admirers it is indeed an unwelcome piece of news but the judges of the court will certainly find themselves at their wits' end how to deal with the case."

CONCERNING KEYS.

HINTS TO BURGLARS.

A London paper humorously remarks: "It is very foolish of burglars to choose elaborate means of getting into a house when there are so many simple ones. A lady member of the profession in France just went to the locksmith round the corner, and said she had lost the key of the flat, and would he open the door for her? He cannot have considered the request unusual, for we all seem to be constantly losing our keys, and the opening of locks must supply the greater part of a locksmith's livelihood. The fact that the lady in this case lost her nerve and was caught does not diminish any of the merit of her simple system of getting in. Another plan recommended to house-breakers of all nationalities is to look under the mat. The key of the front door is almost certain to be there, just as the key to the desk in the drawing room is sure to be in a vase on the mantelpiece."

CANTON NEWS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

FLEEING THE IMPORT MERCHANTS.

The Kuomintang Bolsheviks in Canton through the office of the Superintendent of Customs, have during the past few days taken into custody books and other documents from more than thirty coast and river port importing and exporting firms along the Shaki Bund, Canton City, on the ground that many of the imports into Canton have been greatly under-valued. It is the intention of the Bolsheviks to extort a heavy fine from these merchants under this pretext. By similar means, it may be recalled, Superintendent Foo Ping Sheng got \$70,000 from the Customs brokers a year ago. The coastal port merchants assert that they are not responsible for under-valuation, if there is any, as they have to pay duties only upon invoices already passed by Customs authorities at the port of embarkation. The Bolsheviks, it is reported, are not unaware of this procedure and are only manufacturing a pretext for raising a large fund for the Chinese New Year settlements.

RUMOUR ATTEMPT TO MORTGAGE A LOCAL RAILWAY.

The Kwangtung Provincial Assembly, the legislative branch of the Canton Government in the early days of the Republic, now temporarily meeting in Swatow, has wired to the Peking Chinese authorities and Diplomatic Corps protesting against the proposal of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Kuomintang regime in Canton to borrow \$5,000,000 from foreign sources on the Kwangtung section of the Canton-Hankow Railroad as security. From other sources, it is understood that there is no likelihood of the proposed loan materializing, as no foreign capitalist will be foolish enough to negotiate with the Kuomintang Party in its last chapter in Canton. The report of a loan, some say, has been utilized to promote the issue of the \$5,000,000 worthless paper money the Kuomintang Bolsheviks are forcing on the people before the Chinese New Year.

BOLSHEVIST INFLUENCE ON THE WANE.

Military developments in Kwangtung Province the last few days have not looked favourable for Sun Yat Sen's Kuomintang Bolsheviks following. Since the withdrawal of the Bolsheviks from the lower four circuits of Southern Kwangtung in favour of forces belonging to General Chen Chiung Ming, in rivalry with Dr. Sun for control of Canton, the near Southern districts have become more or less disaffected, the authorities in Sunwui and other cities having gone so far as to replace confidence in the Merchants' Volunteers, an organization fighting the Bolsheviks. Word has been received from Loting, another Southern town, that the Bolsheviks there have had to withdraw lately. In Hoksan, another district along the West River, the Volunteers are being re-organized under a former able magistrate, and they are expected to co-operate in the anti-Bolshevik movement, which is expected to be in full swing early in February.

In Northern Kwangtung, the Yunnanese and Hunanese factions of the Red Army have been fighting each other, and the latest result was the recent suppression of further Hunanese military stations in Shuiwan and nearby towns. Since the departure of Dr. Sun for the North two mercenaries' units have been routed completely, more by the treachery of rivals within the Red Army than by the efforts of enemies. The Hunanese, once a corps of nearly 45,000 strong, and the Hunanese for a time numbering 4,000, now exist only in name. They were defeated in the so-called Northern campaign of Dr. Sun, and were driven back to Kwangtung territory when reaching Kiangsi by the Kiangsi-ites and, upon falling back, were routed by former comrades who did not care to have them return. The next far-reaching development will soon take place on the Eastern Front, when Dr. Sun's Bolsheviks and their principal rivals, the anti-Red forces under General Chen Chiung Ming, will contend for the control of Canton.

SUNWUI MERCHANTS' VOLUNTEERS CALLED OUT.

The Magistrate of Sunwui, complying with the request of the Chamber of Commerce there, has again called out the Merchants' Volunteers for duty, thus renewing official confidence in the people's force for self-defence. Sunwui is a West River city to which Kongmoon is an open port. The Merchants' Volunteers are supplementary to the local police and military forces. Their status was recently threatened by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who disarmed those in Canton and other cities wherever they were opposed to Bolshevism.

THE CHEN KWONG CO.

The Chen Kwong Company, Ltd., a large department store in Canton, with registered office at Hongkong, at an extraordinary meeting of its shareholders on January 2nd, decided to issue 4,000 shares of preferred stock at \$100 each. The preferred stock will bear an annual dividend of 10 per cent, with a bonus of \$15 after the first year and a dollar less each subsequent year until \$12 is reached, at which point they will be treated as ordinary shares of the company. The Chen Kwong, like many others, has suffered from the present reign of terror in Canton under the Kuomintang Bolsheviks, and the savings department of the Company had much difficulty lately with its depositors. According to a statement issued by the Company on January 3rd, it has never failed to meet its obligations, and there is no reason whatever for alarm.

SALT FAMINE THREATENED IN SOUTH HUNAN.

Southern Hunan Province, which depends for much of its salt supply from outside sources by way of the North River with Canton as a forwarding point, may have been threatened by a salt famine.

THE FARM LANDS DISPUTE.

The owners of farm lands in Kwangtung, a district along the West River in Kwangtung, have definitely decided to repeat the demand for a reduction of 40 per cent on rentals made by the "Peasants Corps," an organization of Chinese Bolsheviks under the auspices of the Kuomintang Party of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Dr. Sun has assured the farmers in Kwangtung of lower rentals, but the landowners insist that they themselves, and not Dr. Sun, must decide how and when the rentals must be reduced, if at all. The landowners have now a volunteer corps of nearly 4,000 strong to protect their interests.

THE LOVE OF ADVENTURE.

AN EXPLORER'S POST-BAG.

THE THIRD ASIATIC EXPEDITION.

Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews, the leader of the Third Asiatic Expedition whose camel caravan is scheduled to start for Mongolia on February 1st, followed by the party on April 15th, was the speaker at an Anglo-American Association dinner at the Grand Hotel des Wagons Lits in Peking recently.

Opening in a light vein, Mr. Andrews recalled the morning several years ago, when the papers in America first announced the intention of the Third Asiatic Expedition to start for Mongolia. Missing the broader aspects of the scientific desires of the expedition, the newspapers and the trip was to find "the missing link," and that started a shower of over four thousand applications to join the party.

One thousand came from men of mature age, many of whom had served in the war and the greater part of whom were ex-aviators. Others were young men just out of their teens, while a thousand women thought they might be of use on the Mongolian plains.

At ten o'clock of the morning the announcement was made, Mr. Andrews recalled a visit from a man from Coahque, New York who blandly explained that he had read the morning papers, and since he could not catch the train, he came by aeroplane to get in his application for the expedition. He was an artist and his services could not be accepted.

That visit was followed by a telegram from a woman in St. Louis stating that the Oujia Board had a message regarding the search for "the missing link." Similarly, another woman wrote that the spirits had told her of a crypt in the Ordos desert in which was buried a history of mankind from the time he crawled on all fours up to the Mongol conquest. Feeling humorous, Mr. Andrews replied asking that the spirits be consulted as to the latitude and longitude of the crypt. The answer came back that the spirits were apparently annoyed with his lack of faith and refused to say any more.

Perhaps the gem of all the four thousand letters was the one which Mr. Andrews read from a woman who explained that she had written two books, still unpublished, and, desiring to write a third that she and Mr. Andrews might find mutual benefit if the accompanied expedition. Her offer was to give "a home atmosphere and cheer to the drear wastes." She stated she was sending her picture to help him to decide, adding that she was certain from looking at his picture in a *Sigma Kai* journal that he would understand women.

However, despite all these many attempts on the part of applicants, the speaker said that the expedition had so far managed to escape having a harem foisted upon it.

THE SERIOUS SIDE.

On the serious side Mr. Andrews stated that after the first three years of work in Mongolia, he decided that another five would be necessary and upon his return to America he had with him a response that now made the cause possible. Contributions to that cause were received from every state in the Union.

The work of the expedition represents the new type of exploration. There are no great areas which have not been explored, and exploration of the future will be to study regions already explored to ascertain what they are good for, both scientifically and economically.

In the past the Asiatic Expedition, said Mr. Andrews, attempted to test the theory advanced twenty-five years ago by Dr. Osborne on pure deduction, that this was the centre of mammalian distribution, and it was necessary to work out many horizons. That theory has been proved and the work of the future will be on the human problem and in the later rocks, there being very good reasons to believe that the Central Asian plateau was the place of development of man.

Ten branches of science will be represented in the expedition when it sets out this spring, namely, geology, fossils, mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, archaeology, anthropology, geography, paleontology. Each of these branches bears directly on the problem to be studied.

In all, there will be forty members of the party, fifteen of whom are scientists and technicians. Eight motor cars and 150 camels will provide the transportation, and Mr. Andrews said that as far as he knew, it was the largest expedition of its kind ever sent out.

On the topic of danger, Mr. Andrews estimated that in the fifteen years he has worked in Asia, he might have been in danger of his life ten times, whereas a year or two ago, when he was a geologist, he was threatened from motor cars and the like at least over thirty times. People in cities got so used to having their life in jeopardy that they forgot the closeness with which a motor passed them a few minutes after. On the other hand, if when away they are held up by bandits, it is unusual and it is expected that a book will be written about it.

To suffer a salt famine. Salt junks in Canton Harbour are unable to proceed because of the heavy demands made on them by Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Kuomintang Bolsheviks for war contribution and by the pirates for tribute en route up the river.

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PARIS FASHION NOTES. SPORTS CLOTHES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, ISABEL RAMSAY.)
Paris, November 30th.
Sports have advanced considerably in the present century in every sense. Yesterday the Aero Club of France erected a commemorative statue to Bagdadelle, marking the spot of the first record flight made in Europe. It was the flight made in 1900 by M. Santos-Dumont and lasted for twenty-one and a fifth seconds, in which time the pioneer aviator covered 220 metres. It was a magnificent achievement at that time, and it is still honoured as such, for it established a record of distance, height, and duration. It is a long cry from this to the present. 400 kilometres an hour, 4,000 kilometres of distance without a landing, 40 consecutive hours in the air, air circling the world in air-plane. But these tremendous records can be attributed to such encouragement as the Aero Club of France gave to M. Santos-Dumont, in 1900.

More distinctly tailored is a mountaineering suit of gray tweed. The jacket is of the Norfolk pattern. The knickerbockers are a good deal like men's golf knickerbockers, finishing below the knee with a flat band, into which the upper part of the garment is gathered. The cap is of soft felt, in the classic Alpine pattern with a high crown, and the stockings can be worn inside or outside the lower bands of the knickerbockers.

For the woman who likes the freedom of knickerbockers but objects to the bifurcated effect, one of the smart tailors has invented a skirt which combines the freedom of trousers with the dignified line of a skirt. Actually this skirt is double. Beneath there is a divided skirt, or a rather full pair of trousers. These are quite like bloomers in pattern, except that they are not gathered in about the knee. Over these is placed a double tunic, which covers front and back, and laps at the waist-line at the sides. This tunic is so well hung that it hangs close at the sides, showing beneath it a small portion of the divided skirt which, as it hangs flat, seems but an ordinary skirt foundation. The garment never reveals its real nature unless a very high step is necessary, then it may part for a moment—but it falls into place again as soon as the ordinary walking movements are resumed.

Sport garments of all sorts are one of the chief interests of smart women at present, for the season on the Côte d'Azur is just beginning, and so are the international tennis matches. In the sports costumes there are two important points—pleated skirts and plaids. Either one of these features will guarantee the modernity of a sports costume, and when one brings both together well, there is nothing more to be said. One is quite in the movement, in every sense. The couturiers have been devoting themselves to the creation of as many versions of the practical sports costume as there are days in the year—I almost wrote hours in the year. A novel series of sports clothes has been devised by a new Russian creator, who has achieved something distinctly novel in combining many of the features of the sports costume of many of the sports dresses, which are as comfortable for regular wear as they are decorative and practical for sports uses.

The sport of horseback-riding has become almost formal in its equipment during the hunting season, which is with us now. During the summer months it is the custom for ladies to ride astride in neatly tailored little breeches, covered cloth and a white silk blouse, covered by a knit sweater which is open at the neck. But once the fifteenth of October arrives, the informality departs. Ladies ride in a side-saddle in one of those perfectly-fitting affairs robustly described in French dressmaking language as an "amazon." The skirt is specially designed to fall smoothly when the lady is in place in the side-saddle. The jacket is on the classic tailored lines (such as Vionnet affects in her best tailored suits) with darts and gores and seams and the like every few inches about the circumference. The material is broad, the cloth-black if the lady is not in the first bloom of youth, and the complexion very handsome and the complexion very deep, bright green successfully, and red if she is very fair of skin or very black of hair. The hat has but little way of form, being also formal. It may be high with a square top to the crown, in which case it is of hatter's plush. It may have a round crown and stiffly rolled brim, in which case it is of the finest felt. Its trimming is reduced to a mere ribbon encircling the crown, and flatly knotted in a small bow. The accessories are a high stock collar of white, plaid or white silk, knotted well up under the chin, black riding boots of shiny (but not croc) leather, a dark coloured riding crop, and heavy gloves with gauntlets. Some of the smartest English ladies go in for tweed riding costumes during the hunting season, but the cut of these must be as impeccable as that of the broadcloth costumes, and the formality of the hat, the stock, and the boots must be just as rigid. Horseback-riding has been an honourable prerogative since the days of the chevaliers, and the hunting season all over Europe to-day is almost a matter of noble obligations in keeping up the beautiful old customs. However, we have contemporaneously the practical, negligent costume of the tennis enthusiast, and the positively baggy costume of the devoted golfer. It is a quaint world we live in!

WAS TUTANKHAMEN JOSEPH? THEORY OF A FAMOUS PROFESSOR.

And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt. —Genesis 50, 25, 26.

The children of Israel went up armed out of the Land of Egypt. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him. —Exodus 13, 19-20.

Was Tutankhamen the Joseph of the Bible? Professor Selikowitch, the renowned Egyptologist, maintains in the New York *Journal of Commerce*, that he was. If this theory is correct it follows that when the sarcophagus comes to be opened it will be found to be empty. Tutankhamen, says the professor, was never a King of Egypt. He was a full-fledged regent, or rather co-regent, at the time of the 18th dynasty, which corresponds to the time in which Joseph lived. Tutankhamen was a heretical Pharaoh, who erased from the Egyptian monuments the names of the various gods—Ra, Osiris, Isis, Ptah, Seb—and substituted the new deity, which some Egyptologists read "Aton." This, the professor declares, is an error, and the word should be "Adon," which is, of course, the Hebrew for Lord.

Professor Selikowitch points out that the Talmud states that "Joseph had concealed three precious treasures in Egypt. These, he holds, must refer to a concealment in the grave, the safest place to conceal treasures." The *Jerusalem World*, which quotes the professor's theory, says that it will account for the confusion in which the treasures of the tomb were found. "A violent panic must have prevailed at the Exodus, and nothing is more likely than that in the wild rush the remains of Joseph were hurriedly and perhaps surreptitiously taken from the sarcophagus in which they had for so long lain, and that the treasures that had been disturbed in the process were replaced any how, so that the tomb might be quickly closed again." —*Daily Express*.

SUNSHINE AND HEALTH. INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Captain Elliot, M.P., Under-Secretary for Health, addressing a conference in Glasgow on Public Health in Relation to Friendly Societies, said that the progressive improvement in health was one of the most striking features of the summer. Commenting on the sunless summer, he said it was interesting to know that although the mortality statistics had not been influenced by that, yet the forms issued for prescriptions had gone up 30,000 in the last quarter. The people, he supposed, had taken to drugs in desperation that the sun was never to shine again any more. (Laughter.) A doctor, he deeply deplored that. He thought drugs were very bad for people, and he did not believe that any man was particularly happier for any medicine except perhaps an occasional bottle of castor oil. (Laughter.) Obviously the sunless summer had lowered the resistance of the people, and it would be of the utmost interest to note if in the near future it was reflected in the death-rate, or whether, too, the low continued trade depression had had a permanent result upon the general health of the community. Figures which could be given by friendly societies would be of immense help to the State when planning its future campaign against disease, and he hoped it would be possible for them eventually to work out some such system of co-operation.

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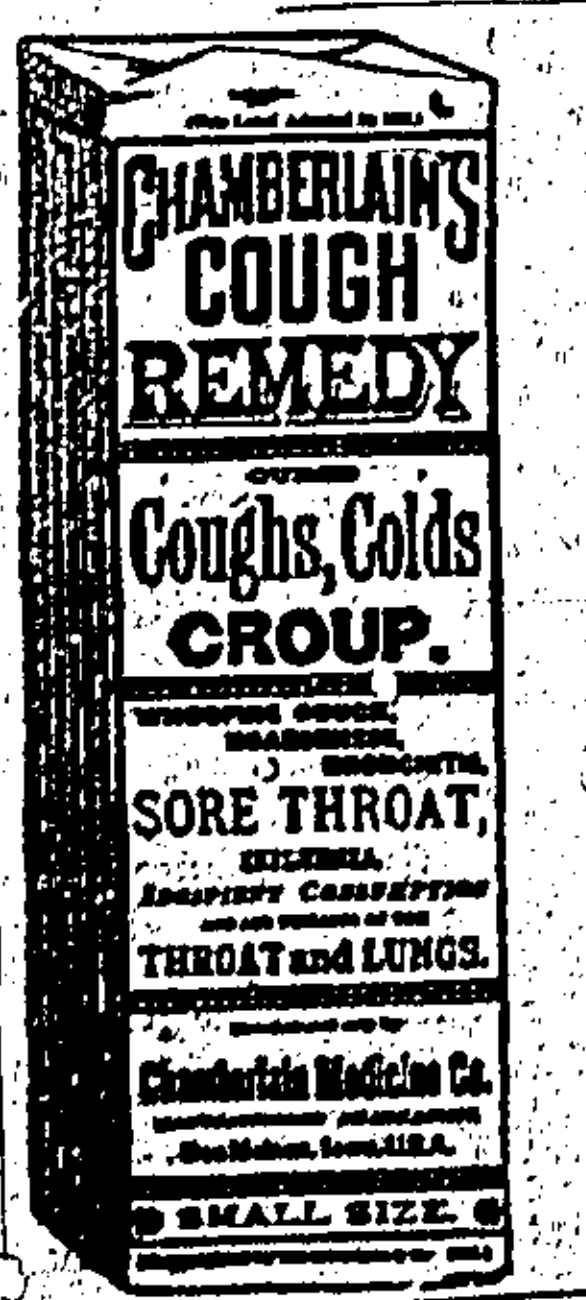
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ROTOR SHIP ON TRIAL. SAILING TESTS OFF KIEL.

[FROM "THE TIMES" SPECIAL
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KIEL, December 3rd.

The first important public trial of the "rotor" system of wind-power drive for sea-going vessels, invented by Herr Anton Flettner, took place to-day in Kiel Light. The equipment of the ship, ten schooner, *Buckau*, with "rotor" cylinders (large cylindrical towers made of sheet iron, which are revolved by small electric motors) in place of sails, is of absorbing interest as a scientific experiment, but I am strongly of opinion that any suggestion of revolutionizing commercial shipping would postulate the solution of many problems which scarcely appear to have been raised in public discussion of the matter.

The conditions in which the trial was carried out can hardly be described as favourable. Rain fell incessantly from start to finish. The winds were not such as provide a severe test, and no opportunity was given for the untidy crowd of spectators massed on the decks of a Hamburg pleasure steamer to obtain a clear insight into the manœuvring qualities of the *Buckau*.

Leaving the station wharf here at mid-day, we proceeded to the Kiel light-ship, where the *Buckau* had already taken up its position. At this time there was blowing an easterly wind of 12 ft. a second, and the *Buckau*, with her rotors revolving near the maximum rate of 120 revolutions a minute, attained a speed of five to six knots with a free wind.

The following four manœuvres were executed:—Tacking; sailing with free wind to starboard; wearing; and sailing with free wind to port.

The experiments of tacking and wearing were carried out by stopping and reversing one or other of the "rotor" towers as the ship came up into the wind, in exactly the same manner as one would have manipulated the fore and main sails of a sailing vessel. The towers were controlled from a switch-board on the bridge of the *Buckau* by Herr Flettner. They stopped and re-started with remarkable precision and rapidity, which must be attributed to the efficient action of roller bearings installed at the base of each tower and of the internal cones which revolve the towers.

The result of the trial suggested that the substitution of "rotors" for sails in vessels up to 3,000 tons is a practical possibility. At the same time, "rotor" ships are purely sailing vessels, and must be constructed as such, with fine lines in order to obtain greatest speed on the wind. The *Buckau* still lacks experience of stormy weather. Theoretically the force of a gale, when imposed on the revolving towers, should encounter far less resistance than on a spread of canvas, thereby causing a minimum loss of stability. But the action and effect of a confused sea, hurricane, or typhoon on the efficiency of the "rotors" and the stability of the whole structure—the thickness of the towers is only two millimetres—remain entirely problematical. The advantages of economy to be gained in reduction of crews through the use of "rotor" mechanism, when one remembers how sparsely sailing vessels need in any case be manned, appear to have been largely exaggerated.

Experts confessed to me this morning that they lacked information and opportunity of drawing a comparison between the *Buckau* and a sailing vessel of similar tonnage. Even according to the published estimates that "rotor" towers extract 15 times as much energy from the wind as the same area of canvas, it is uncertain whether ships of the *Buckau* type are suited for practical employment in ocean traffic. In the Mediterranean and the Baltic types of "rotor" ships might prove a paying proposition, if a sufficient increase over the speed of existing sailing vessels could be guaranteed. That is not, however, to predict any necessary change in the proportion between sail and steam tonnage.

In regard to the application of "rotors" as an auxiliary to the engines of motors of big ships, I was told by representatives of British shipping companies that in the present state of knowledge about the properties of "rotors" no projects of this kind can have immediate practical importance. The experiments conducted with model vessels in the tanks of a Göttingen laboratory have led to the successful conversion of the *Buckau* for "rotor" motion. But the mathematical principles and formulae which should determine "rotor" construction have hardly, as I understand, yet been discovered. In these circumstances it was not surprising that practical shipping men, recalling that every inch of deck space in a modern 10,000-ton freight carrier, the type of ship to which owners attach primary importance, is of value, should have wondered how to accommodate additional "rotor" towers of the necessary size and number on a vessel, when they saw the two 40-ft. towers whose bases extended from beam to beam on the 880-ton *Buckau*.

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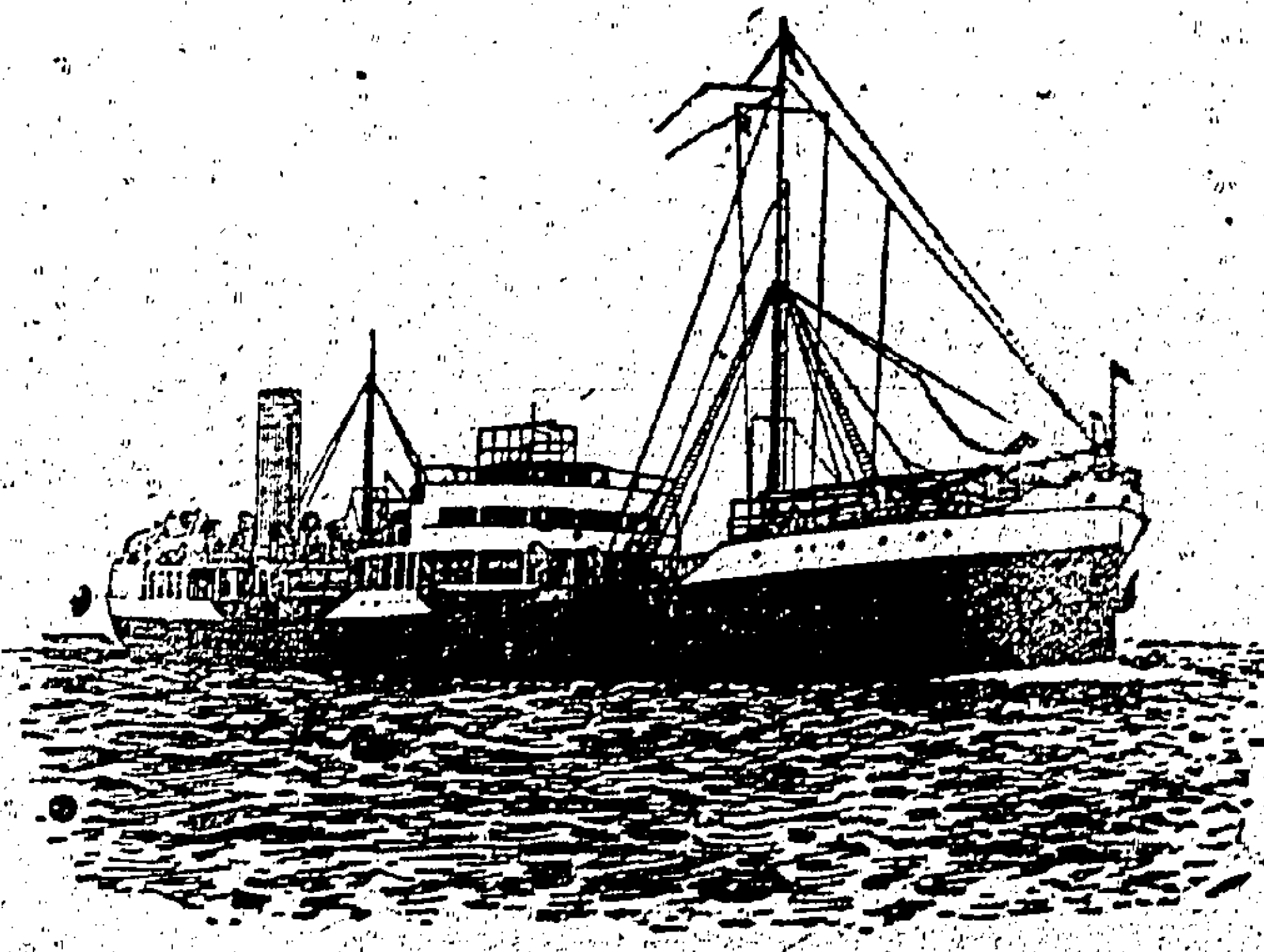
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"SICILIA"	6,513	21st Feb.	do.
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"MANTUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	do.
"KARMALA"	9,098	21st Mar.	do.
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"SARDINIA"	6,584	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	do.
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KIANGSU"	On 18th Jan. D.L.
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